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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Ganta Hibata et al.

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**RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS  
UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES  
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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) dated April 17, 2008, enclosed herewith for filing are the following documents for the above-referenced patent application:

- ☐ Fully executed Declaration for Patent Application
- ☐ Fully executed Power of Attorney
- ☒ Fully executed Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney
- ☐ Petition for Ext. of Time (37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)) to File Missing Parts (if by mail, in dup)
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant is: ☐ small entity (per 37 CFR 1.27) ☒ other than small entity

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Respectfully submitted,

Dated: April 28, 2008

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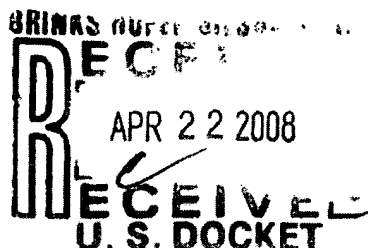


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**NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371  
IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)**

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as an Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495):

- Priority Document
- Copy of the International Application filed on 04/24/2006
- English Translation of the IA filed on 04/24/2006
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 04/24/2006
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 04/24/2006
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 04/24/2006
- Oath or Declaration filed on 04/24/2006
- Request for Immediate Examination filed on 04/24/2006
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 04/24/2006
- Substitute Specification filed on 04/24/2006
- Priority Documents filed on 04/24/2006
- Specification filed on 04/24/2006
- Claims filed on 04/24/2006
- Abstracts filed on 04/24/2006
- Drawings filed on 04/24/2006

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below:

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date. The current oath or declaration does not comply with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b) in that it:
  - is not executed in accordance with either 37 CFR 1.66 or 37 CFR 1.68.
  - the 2nd inventor listed on unsigned decl., Volkmar Heine is not listed on the publish application
- To avoid abandonment, a surcharge (for late submission of filing fee, search fee, examination fee or oath or declaration) as set forth in 37 CFR 1.492(h) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

**SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:**

Total additional fees required for this application is **\$130** for a Large Entity:

• \$130 Surcharge.

**ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.**

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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